

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Rotwein called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Council members in attendance: Ladwig, Miller, Baker, Rotwein. West was absent.
- City Staff in attendance: City Manager Dan Berman, City Clerk Gabriel Adams.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM

At this time, members of the public may only comment on an item appearing on the agenda. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Council:

- *Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less.*
- *Comments should be directed to the Council as a whole and not directed to individual Council Members.*

Public comments included:

Jessica Taggart: Expressed concern for regular meeting cancelation and accused the Council of limiting public speaking opportunities.

Thomas Joseph III: Expressed great concern with the Tsurai movement, requested better dialog between the City and indigenous people, suggested that the Council show goodwill in their actions as well as words, and stated he will be looking into past actions of the Council.

Margaret Stofsky: Questions about the purpose of this closed session meeting, and about public perception of the City.

Council comments included:

Miller: The Council is listening to all public comments, but is bound by Federal and State laws regarding how and when it conduct business in open and closed sessions.

Baker: Clarified the closed session meeting format and process.

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. *Conference with legal counsel regarding active litigation. Tsurai Ancestral Society vs. City of Trinidad. Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9 (a)*

IV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No action taken in Closed Session regarding litigation. Council intends to move forward with Tribal Governments and the Civic Club working together to clean up the Trinity & Edwards site. An item will be brought to the Council at the January 24 meeting concerning stakeholder cooperation and the public is invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Gabriel Adams
City Clerk

Susan Rotwein
Mayor